

Clare Sands is a young multi-instrumentalist, composer and songwriter who hails from the vibrant musical city of Cork. Alongside a burgeoning music career, her resume includes a first class honours degree in Music and Italian and several world medals representing Ireland in Karate. Clare started playing the fiddle at the age of four and plays guitar, piano, bodhrán and mandolin amongst many others. She works as a full time musician combining live performance, composition and teaching whilst still finding time to use her talents as a session musician and playing for artists such as: Luka Bloom, Kris Drever, Mary Coughlan, Mick Flannery and John Spillane. Clare released her debut album *Join Me at The Table* to critical acclaim in October 2016. The album is an eclectic mix of Blues/Folk/Jazz. She has performed at the Cork Opera House and The National Concert Hall and is regularly featured on radio. Clare is also a signed BOSS-Roland artist.

I first heard Clare at the Guinness Cork Jazz Festival in October 2017 playing in the Oliver Plunkett pub' as part of scratch-band 'The Cranes' and I was hugely impressed by Clare's voice, song writing and musicianship. I knew immediately I'd have to invite her to Billericay so that others could enjoy her talents - I'm delighted she's able to come so soon!

Clare's musical style has a wide variety of reference points. She has a unique ability to blend folk, jazz and blues, while her alluring voice ebbs and flows throughout her music.

Peter McGoran, Hotpress

Sands has forged a fantastically feisty fusion of folk, jazz and trad that simultaneously soothes and excites as it unfolds. Its innovative sound and smooth execution are guaranteed to grab the attention of a vast and varied listenership.

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SUPPORT To complete an excellent evening of acoustic singer/songwriters we have Dan Pierce and Georgia Strand. Billericay based Dan describes his songs as: 'A slice of melancholy with a twist of hope!' With themes including misfits, rogues and the triumphs of nostalgia. "I'm a happy person really" he says! Georgia is based in Leigh-on-Sea and has been performing her country/folk style for the past ten years. Georgia recorded with Dave Roe and Tommy Hannum resulting the 2015 Itunes released EP 'BLUE'.

TICKETS are £7 & fees (Door £9) and are available from www.wegottickets.com/ event/422775 and there is general seating.

DOORS 19.00 | Georgia 19.30 | Dan 20.15 | Clare 21.00

BAR There will be a reasonable priced 'Honesty Bar' available with Billericay Brewery ale!

HOW TO FIND US Saint Mary's is a 5 minute walk from Billericay station (only 25 mins from Liverpool Street) and there is ample parking off the High Street (behind Iceland). We are also only 5 mins off the A127 and 10 mins off the A12.

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